Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada facilitates the entry of permanent residents in a way that maximizes their economic, social, and cultural contribution to Canada. There are residency requirements and obligations to obtain and maintain permanent resident status.

You will learn about the following:

1. **Economic classes**
   Instructions for processing applications submitted under economic classes, for which applicants are selected on the basis of their ability to become economically established in Canada

2. **Non-economic classes**
   Instructions for processing permanent residence applications submitted under family-related and humanitarian classes, for which applicants are selected on the basis of family-reunification, social, and humanitarian objectives

3. **Permanent resident card and status**
   The permanent resident card (PR card) is the official proof of permanent resident status in Canada.

See also:

- **Forms**
- **Legal References**
- **Glossary**